

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 46, 49, and 51 – 64 are pending. In the Action dated December 2, 2008 (“the Action”), claims 46, 49, 51 – 54, 56 – 57, and 61 – 64 were allowed and claims 58 – 60 were objected to.

Claim 55 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by, or in the alternative allegedly rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), by U.S. Pat. No. 6,413,864 (“Pyo”). Claim 55 is amended herein to recite that the copper film is formed “directly on” on at least a portion of the surface as suggested by the Examiner in the Action and in a teleconference with the Examiner on December 9, 2008. Support for the recitation is provided, for example in Applicants’ specification at, [0032]-[0033], [0037], [0041], and [0051]. No new matter has been entered in making the amendment. Applicants’ respectfully request that the Examiner enter the proposed amendment to the claim. Applicants respectfully request that the prior art rejection of claim 55 by Pyo be removed in view of the amendment to the claim.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Action of record. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an indication of allowability and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required and any additional fees that may be needed to Deposit Account No. 01-0493 in the name of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Should the Examiner require any further information, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ undersigned Attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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